What is claimed, is

1. An operating element having an actuation element and a pickup, which generates position signals corresponding to the position of the actuation element, which signals can be translated into numerical values by means of a converter and are available as numerical values at an output,
wherein
the numerical values can be translated into numerical values in accordance with a selectable assignment characteristic curve in a converter, and wherein the operating element can be fed a control quantity, which effects the selection of a specific assignment characteristic curve.

2. The operating element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the achievable range of the numerical values available at the output encompasses the range of the position signals.

3. The operating element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gradient of the assignment characteristic curve can be set in the range around the central position of the actuation element.

4. The operating element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the assignment characteristic curve is centrosymmetrical with respect to the central position of the actuation element.

5. The operating element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the conversion of the position signals into numerical values available at the output correspond to a fine resolution in the range around the central position of the actuation element and to a coarse resolution in the region of the smallest and largest position signals, respectively.

6. The operating element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the conversion of the position signals into numerical values available at the output correspond to a coarse resolution in the range around the central position of the actuation element and to a fine resolution in the region of the smallest and largest position signals, respectively.

7. The operating element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the selection of an assignment characteristic curve by means of the control quantity corresponds to a selection of the sensitivity of the actuation element.

8. An arrangement for processing video and/or audio signals having an operating element as claimed in any one of the preceding claims 1 to 6.

9. The arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein the processing of the signals comprises the correction of color signals.

10. The arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein the processing of the signals comprises the setting of picture brightness and/or picture contrast.

11. The arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein the processing comprises the selection of the position in an editing control unit.

12. The arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein the processing comprises the setting of the pitch.